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The information disclosure statement submitted on 25 August 2003 has been considered by the Examiner. Specifically, the Lamanna et al. reference has been crossed off because it was previously considered by the Examiner on the IDS of 18 October 1999. The Simonsen et al. reference has been considered and does not affect the patentability status of the instant invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bridget E. Bunner whose telephone number is (571) 272-0881. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-4:30 M-F.

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